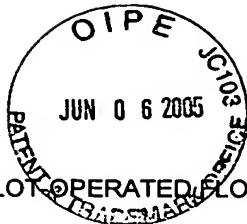


In re Application of: Zilek Liberfarb  
 Application No. 10/764,973  
 Filed: January 26, 2004  
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Small entity status is claimed for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.

Petition for an extension of time for the period noted below, as well as for any additional period necessary to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.

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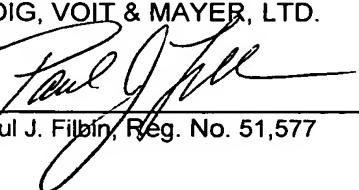
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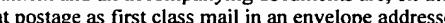
## REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated April 4, 2005, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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